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After the unfortunate delay in the arrival of Enigma 7, I am pleased to announce that things are now back on schedule and I welcome all readers to issue 8. I'm going to stick my neck out now and state that I am trying to get issue nine ready for the end of April, so if you have any articles you would like to submit, please could you get them to me by the end of March at the latest.

So, what's been happening recently? For a start, the Roswell autopsy saga seems to have temporarily quietened down. I don't think this is due to a loss of interest, merely researchers busily chasing up various avenues of enquiry. Expect to hear some more announcements in the near future.

Talking of announcements, I've been surprised at the amount of media coverage UFOs have been receiving recently. Not only have there been UFO related adverts being shown on TV (VW cars for a start), but VH1 and CMTV (two Cable music channels) have recently shown crop circles as part of channel adverts.

There have also been numerous 'sightings' around the country. Actually, there haven't been more than usual, except for the fact that the media has not been frightened to report them. This could be partly due to the popularity of programmes like the X Files gaining enormous viewing figures, but I'm sure there is a more positive feeling in general about UFO sightings. People seem less likely to simply dismiss them

without consideration for the facts. I hope this positive attitude can carry on.

Believe it or not, the crop circle season is almost with us again (in a couple of months or so). It seems like only yesterday when I was hiking around Wiltshire in the Summer sun. Hopefully this year will see some of the hoaxers getting bored and giving up (Hmm, I'm sure I said that last year....) and we can continue with scientific research.

After the anger and apparent disillusionment of last years crop circle season, I hope that researchers and crop circle enthusiasts will try to regain some of the love and spirituality of previous years. I'm sure that crop circles are a positive thing and there has been too much negativity in the last year or so.

I'm also hoping to carry out more paranormal investigations during the next year. In fact, my original interest in the unexplained stemmed from the Occult and Hauntings. There are many haunted places around Britain, and I hope to visit some and bring you back reports as I go.

To this end, I hope that all readers continue to gain enjoyment and enlightenment from reading Enigma.

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# CROP CIRCLE FAQ

by Paul Vigay

During the past few months, a number of people who have expressed an interest in my crop circle research have asked a selection of questions. Rather than keep repeating my answers, I thought it was time to put together a 'Frequently Asked Questions' (FAQ) list, which will hopefully help to answer some of the most popular questions.

To this end, I have written the following article as an extensive question and answer type interview. The questions have been posed by a variety of people over the years, and I hope will answer some of the questions you may have about the subject.

**Q:** Do you have a definite opinion as to the source of the crop circle phenomenon?

**A:** No. I try to keep an open mind as to the origin and cause of the crop circles. Obviously some are hoaxes, but we are trying to distinguish between the hoaxed formations and those which may possibly be genuine. Whatever that may turn out to be.

**Q:** So you don't necessarily think they are made by little green men landing in their spaceships.

**A:** Not at all. Although there have been many UFO sightings in the vicinity of crop circles, I have yet to find any solid evidence linking one with the other. However, I think the crop circles could be caused by some, yet undiscovered, energy field which may be a bi-product of UFO propulsion systems. This is just my 'gut' feeling though and although I

have detected various anomalous RF effects in and around crop circles, I'm yet to be convinced there is a link.

**Q:** Tell us more about these anomalous effects you have found.

**A:** I first discovered there was something strange going on in the vicinity of crop circles in 1991 when I discovered that a mobile phone refused to work inside a formation, yet worked perfectly just inches outside the formation and throughout the rest of the field. I have since built more sensitive detectors which in a few, not all, formations, have given strange readings of radio interference. I have also been given reports from numerous people, of batteries being inexplicably drained, cameras malfunctioning and electronic equipment going wrong. Some may be due to operator error, but I'm convinced that there may be some kind of residual electro-magnetic field being left in the location of crop circles.

**Q:** Have these anomalous effects been replicated at all?

**A:** Well, I take my equipment to most crop formations that I visit, and I try to visit all formations as soon as they are first reported. In some formations that I have obtained positive readings (ie. giving radio interference), the level is usually of the same magnitude. I always get the same 'normal' readings outside the formations, so whatever is causing the anomalous readings is obviously localised to particular formations.

**Q:** Are these readings constant, or do they change with time?

**A:** I have found, through repeated visits to crop circle sites, that the readings I obtain gradually diminish until they return to their normal readings, ie the same as outside the formation. This usually occurs over a period of four to six weeks.

**Q:** If you don't get anomalous readings inside a crop circle, is that an indication that it is a hoaxed circle?

**A:** Not necessarily. I'm not really out to categorically state whether particular formations are hoaxed or genuine. I'm merely testing every formation I get the chance to visit, and report on any findings I detect.



People can then come to their own conclusions, or do their own repeat experiments to decide for themselves what created the crop circle.

**Q:** Don't you find that hoaxers muddy the waters of research?

**A:** Yes, that is true. Unfortunately, the hoaxers are not scientists and are probably unaware of a lot of the research that is going on. They see it as a prank to try and damage the research efforts of many people. I just wish they would get fed up, as it is wasting the time and money of many people. If there weren't so many hoaxed circles around, researchers wouldn't have to do so much travelling around. Unfortunately, human nature breeds people who don't like a threat to established science.

**Q:** What is the best evidence against hoaxing?

**A:** The best evidence is probably that of biological effects to the crop itself. There have been cases of genetic mutation within the cells in the crop stems. One of the foremost researchers looking into the biological effects is Dr. Levengood of Pinelandia Laboratories,

Other research which has proved interesting is that seeds taken from inside a formation, when re-planted under control conditions seem to grow at a faster rate and produce taller and more healthy plants. This aspect of the research is easy to verify. You can simply go and take some samples yourself and plant them in your back garden.

There is then the physical evidence examined in the formation itself, like lack of footprints and damage - even when crop formations have appeared on rainy nights when mud is prevalent.

**A:** Sceptics have said that they can produce bent stalks and that this depends on the weather conditions when they make the circle.

**Q:** That is true. If you make the circle when the crop is young enough and there is a damp dew on the ground, stems do appear to bend without snapping. This is because the stems are more supple and can bend easier. However, I visited a formation in 1994 which was in ripe oil seed rape which is rather like celery, with stems up to an inch thick. I found many stems bent through 120° without the slightest snapping or splitting. I believe this would be impossible to hoax because ripe oil seed rape snaps if you try

to bend it more than about 20-30°.

However, you do need to visit a formation as soon as possible after creation, especially when the crop is young, as phototropism (the effect of bending to follow the sunlight) will start to take effect in crops that are lying down, resulting in a bending upwards towards the sunlight.

**Q:** Does the crop continue to grow after it has been flattened into a crop circle?

**A:** Again, this depends when the crop circle is made. If the crop is young and green it will continue to grow as normal, trying to grow back up towards the light. However, later in the season when the crop is ripe and golden it is often dead and will just lie flat on the ground.

**Q:** Have abnormal radiation readings ever been detected in a crop circle?

**A:** Yes. I was lucky enough to be present when Michael Hesemann, the German film producer and UFO researcher, was performing some radiation readings in 1993. We were surveying the Cherhill formation in Wiltshire, less than four hours after it formed. (A local person walking their dog at 2am and reported it not being there then). We obtained 'normal background' readings of around 8-12 micro-cervets in the field and around the crop circle. However, when we entered the circle, these readings went up to around 34 micro-cervets - an increase of some 300%. This was enough to cause the local police, who soon arrived on the scene, to later perform their own testing on it. However, their results remained confidential. We have since detected high radiation readings in only a couple of circles, so I don't really think there is enough evidence to suggest that high radiation is a result of the circles themselves.

**Q:** What is the best evidence supporting the hoax hypothesis?

**A:** That we're no closer to solving the mystery after nearly twenty years of research! No, seriously, it would be silly to dismiss the hoaxers claims altogether, but I'm sure that hoaxing is not as widespread as the hoaxers would like us to believe. After all, no hoaxers have yet been caught - despite numerous night-watches by people armed with image intensifiers and other equipment.

However, there is evidence of hoaxing as I have been in formations where muddy footprints and broken stems have been present, even hours after formation.

Also following Occam's razor analogy - where assumptions introduced to explain something must not be unnecessarily multiplied, hoaxing is the simplest explanation offered so far. There again, who says there is a simple solution. The theory of gravity is hardly simple, yet people take it for granted.

I think the hoax hypothesis is an easy option for people to take if they don't want to question their world view about things and do their own research.

**Q:** Can the hoaxers claims be refuted, and how?

**A:** Well, the biggest thing about hoaxers is that they seem to turn up the day after a formation arrives and deliberately 'act suspicious'. The psychology aspect makes researchers wonder if they had anything to do with the circles, even if they were miles away the previous night. After all, it's far easier to arrive on the scene and pretend to know something you don't than it is to actually creep into the field in the darkness and produce geometrically accurate formations.

Some claims can be refuted as different groups of hoaxers have inadvertently claimed the same formation in the past. This makes me laugh slightly because they obviously haven't got a clue what other people are up to.

Even when hoaxers 'own up' to circles, they have no evidence to support their claims. I could claim that I invented the Loch Ness monster. So what? I think they need to provide proof of their creations as openly as researchers supply research. Unfortunately, hoaxers are out simply to deceive, so you're not going to get an honest answer from them.

**Q:** Was Doug and Dave's admission, in 1991, an honest one, or do you think there are holes in their story?

**A:** I personally have a problem with D&D's story, mainly because it doesn't seem to be consistent. Firstly they claimed that they started it in 1978, then modified it to the mid 1970's when researchers showed photographs of pre 1978 circles (see fig.1) I also once asked Doug if they had made any formations in Wiltshire (the main location of a lot of the

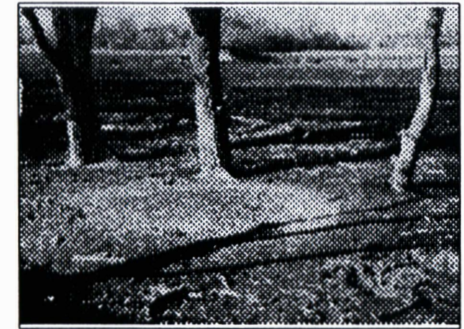


Fig.1 A circular marking in Kerees, 1969 - Could this be the same energy that creates crop circles?

early circles) and he categorically stated that they hadn't. It was later claimed that they had. Either they did or they didn't?? Also, D&D were never able to produce a high quality formation in front of independent witnesses' to convince researchers of their skills.

I also find it amazing, and amusing, that Doug's wife suspected nothing for nearly twelve years of nocturnal exploits.

They also couldn't account for some of the more elaborate swirl patterns in circles. As circles researcher Colin Andrews once said, "If you ask the wrong questions, you get the wrong answers." He once asked them how they made a sinusoidal weave in one formation they had previously claimed. When they had the exact details pointed out to them they simply stated, after a pause, "We didn't do that one."

**Q:** Carl Sagan suggests in his article (Parade magazine, Dec 1995 issue) that the phenomenon exists because it is a money maker. How big a financial industry do you think it is?

**A:** Unfortunately, some researchers have let money get in the way of serious research. In fact I'm sure (without mentioning any names) that some researchers are deliberately keeping people in the dark and spreading false research, so that they can keep producing merchandise and gain an income. This is, in my view, totally wrong and creates a worse situation than the actual hoaxers themselves.

Personally, I operate my crop circle research as an interest only. In fact, at the end of each season I am usually out of pocket. Petrol costs

are the most, travelling to different formations. I don't sell books or videos and Enigma just about covers its costs - what small profit there is, goes towards gaining better equipment for research.

I believe researchers should be more open and honest with each other, and those who are only in it for the money deserve to be rooted out and exposed.

**Q:** Are there any hoaxers who are benefiting from the phenomena?

**A:** Not as far as I know - although Doug did speak at a hall in Marlborough, charging £5.00 a head to hear him tell his story. The hall was packed out so I don't know how much money he made.

**Q:** Have any farmers taken advantage of private access to their fields by designing a crop circle and then charging a few pounds to see it?

**A:** There have been a few rumours to that effect, and I am busy following up some enquiries at the moment. However, I don't think this is a viable source of income. By the time the farmer has paid someone to make the formation and for someone to sit by the entrance to the field and collect money, there is not going to be much profit. To be honest, I think farmers have got better ways to spend their time and money.

**Q:** The crop circle phenomenon is presented to the rest of the world by what seems to be just a handful of crop circle "experts." What do the ordinary local people of southern England believe? Those who are not involved in documenting the phenomenon, those who just happen to live there?

**A:** A lot of people just seem to accept it. I have spoken to some people who claim to have seen crop circles since they were young children in the 1950's and thought nothing of it. Some of the local people in Wiltshire have their own amazing stories of UFO sightings and strange events, whereas others merely dismiss it as a hoax.

I think more people take notice of the media though and don't like to express opinions that may be outside the 'average' way of thinking. More people dismiss the subject as a hoax since D&D's admission.

**Q:** Do you see any connection between crop circles and other circular designs of southern England, such as Stonehenge and Silbury Hill? Why is southern England, home of the largest collection of man-made monoliths in the world, also the home of the crop circle phenomenon?

**A:** I think that is a difficult question to answer simply - perhaps it's an idea for a future Enigma article - mainly because the Southern counties of England are steeped in legend and antiquity. Could Neolithic people have witnessed crop circles and, seeing them as a message from the Gods, build temples and monuments to preserve them through the ages? It's a possibility. People have even said that perhaps it is the spirits of these distant departed souls sending a message to the people of today, perhaps to warn of the damage we are doing to the Earth. Personally I don't go along with these theories, but you never know....

**Q:** What designs have especially impressed you as being genuine, and why?

**A:** I personally, liked the Barbury Castle formation of 1991 as it contained such detailed geometric precision. It translated to a three dimensional tetrahedron with amazing accuracy. Also, in the subsequent years, no hoaxer has yet come forward to 'claim' it. I also quite liked the Mandlebrot formation which appeared in Cambridgeshire. I have no idea whether it was hoaxed or not, as unfortunately, I didn't get a chance to actually visit it. However, assuming it's not hoaxed, it is virtually conclusive proof of some kind of intelligence being behind such a 'human' shape.

**Q:** Are there any convincing hoaxes?

**A:** Well, the Mandlebrot formation for a start - if it is a hoax? The only reason I'm sceptical about this one is that it is so obviously a human mathematical shape that it cannot have formed by a non-intelligent entity.

**Q:** Have crop circles appeared in other countries and is this evidence against hoaxing?

**A:** Yes. In fact crop circles have appeared all around the world; America, Canada, France, India, Japan, Afghanistan, Germany and Sweden to name just a few. In Japan a circle appeared in a rice paddy field and the following morning thousands of gallons of

water had also vanished - equal to the volume of the crop circle. Snow circles have even been photographed in the mountains of Afghanistan, with no footsteps leading to them. You can't tell me that hoaxers are driving around in water tankers or lowering themselves out of helicopters. These aren't simple circles either. The snow circles in Afghanistan were arranged in a quintuplet, similar to some of the 'Celtic cross' designs seen in Southern England.

**Q:** Do you have any comments on any of the eye-witness reports of crop circles forming?

**A:** There have been a couple of eye-witness reports, but I remain fairly sceptical of these. They both describe a sort of atmospheric vortex type whirl-wind sweeping around the crop in a matter of seconds. Although, on further investigation, I'm not sure if we're not just seeing a localised wind here, as I've yet to see a report which resulted in a circle as we know it - with 'pastry cutter' type edges. Until I see more evidence I shall keep an open mind on these claims.

**Q:** Do you think any scientific evidence is being suppressed, or ignored by the mainstream media?

**A:** Unless there really is a 'New World Order' style coverup at a high level, I think the media are just ignorant of the facts. If they perceive the public seeing the subject as a hoax, they won't sell papers unless they have dramatic new evidence - something we are working towards rectifying through hard work and research.

**Q:** Is there any evidence to suggest that the military are taking an interest in the crop circles?

**A:** I have spoken to a few military people about crop circles, and again unless there is a very well orchestrated cover-up campaign, I think they are just as mystified of the circles as the rest of us. They occasionally venture out into the fields to carry out their own research, but on occasions when I have spoken to them, they just seem honestly curious.

**Q:** Do any of the various crop circle organisations, such as IRCUP or the CCCS have a definite opinion as to the origin of the phenomenon?

**A:** I do not think that the crop circle organisations have a global opinion, but merely share the

combined views of their members - which can be pretty varied.

**Q:** Do you have any numerical data on the number of crop formations that have appeared?

**A:** In the early years no one really counted the circles and, as there was no media coverage to spread interest, many went undiscovered. However since 1989 there have usually been in excess of 200 formations in the UK each year. The 'golden years' seemed to be 1990 and 1991 when there were between 300 and 400 formations.

There is usually some discrepancy in the numbers published because some people count individual parts of a formation (for example a quintuplet may be counted as five circles), whereas others count whole formations as a single event. I always count a whole formation as one event. Last year in 1995 there was over 200 formations, despite disinterest in the media. In 1992 there were around 200 formations, dropping slightly in 1993 until only around 150 formations appeared in 1994.

**Q:** How long are you going to continue investigating the subject?

**A:** I'm not going to stop until I'm satisfied that the hoaxers have given up (which probably means I'll be studying it for some time) or that we have some concrete evidence with which to finally shut-up the closed-minded debunkers and the sceptics.

**Q:** How will you know when (and if) the hoaxers have given up?

**A:** That's an interesting question and one that is impossible to answer without looking at the psychology of the hoaxers involved. One aspect is that a lot of the hoaxers claim to give-up and state that copy-cat hoaxers are merely carrying on where they left off.

However, an interesting facet of research starts to appear here, in that there are subtle similarities between formations from year to year, so unless one group of hoaxers is 'teaching' the next group, or new groups are constantly studying previous years research, I'm not quite sure how the hoaxing knowledge and complex geometries manage to continue from year to year.

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## The Evils of Religion...

I read your essay on the evils of the 'Christian' church, however please understand that by using the term 'Christian' you are in essence referring to a church that follows Christ or is sanctioned by Him. I believe that the proper term should be ROMAN church or the MASONIC church.

The ROMAN church was formerly known as the Holy Roman Empire, and before that the Roman Empire. They got smart and decided that religious passions and economic structures could be a far more effective means of control than mere military politics. So it is in Rome. The same holds true with the Masons of London, the Royal Family, etc. Like the Roman Church, they also call themselves 'Christian', but this is a blasphemous lie because Jesus himself was the most vocal enemy of tyranny in history. The "religionists" of his day (the Pharisees who stood between men and God and used that as a pretence for power and control) killed Jesus because He advocated a simple spiritual relationship between every individual and God minus the political, economic, clerical and liturgical confusion that "organized religion" brings with it. When the antichrist comes he will unite all world religions into a universal "christian" church (You should study the role that the Scottish Rite of Masonry plays in uniting all religions under central control. It is interesting that the Scottish Rite was created at the JESUIT college of Clermont in France on behalf of the Holy Roman Empire, yet it is the dominant rite in Masonry, which is

based in London. So the false ROMAN 'christianity' of Rome and the false MASONIC 'christianity' of London are working together via the Scottish Rite). The "one-world-church" will be "Christian" in name only and it will be one of the worst tyrannies ever. Nevertheless one should not throw the baby out with the bathwater, or condemn the teachings of Jesus because evil men are twisting his teachings to enslave the masses. I hope that this clears up some things in regards to the difference between "christianity" and "CHRIST-ianity".

*Anonymous, via The Internet*

## Balls of Light

Dear Paul,

I have been quite reluctant to write this message, maybe because I do not want to know the answers to some of the things I do not understand.

I have only told two people what I will write here, and one of them is a member of my immediate family. It is the reason behind my choosing this subject, but up until now it had really been nothing more than a curiosity. I really put the incident out of my mind as 'just one of those things', but was prompted to email the details to you after I read about a similar incident in issue one of Enigma that you kindly sent me.

About March/April 1995, (at the time, although it was a very strange event, I did not think to take much notice of the exact date, although I do know it was very early on a Friday morning), I was

driving down the A12 between the M25 intersection and the turn-off for Ingatstone (the B1002).

It was about 2.30am, and so I was the only one about on the road at the time. About half way down that stretch of road (which is very long and straight), I encountered a road maintenance vehicle that was putting cones on the carriageway. I checked all around me, over my shoulders and in my mirrors and then, when I knew there was definitely nothing behind me, pulled into the fast lane to go around the vehicle. At this point, I would estimate I could see about half a mile down the road behind me at which point the carriage way disappeared over the crest of a hill.

When I had pulled into the fast lane, I looked in my rear view mirror, and saw what looked like the headlamp of a motorbike very close behind my car. It was also in my wing mirror on the driver's side of the car. I do not recall if it was in the other wing mirror or not. I was very surprised at this as I knew that there had been nothing behind me for as far as I could see just a second ago.

It kept up with me for a short distance but I do not remember anything after that until about maybe five or ten minutes later (although it could have been more - I really don't know) when I was near my junction. I do not know what happened to the light, although it did follow me at a constant speed of around 60mph whilst I was still aware of things, and I have no idea what happened to the maintenance vehicle. I

do not know what happened between the point that I saw the light and I was at my junction.

This bears a striking resemblance to the sighting you reported in Enigma at Honey Street, Wiltshire on 23 August 1992. Although you say that the 'headlamp' you saw was 12-18 inches off the ground, I could not say how far above ground the one I saw was as I only saw it in my rear view and driver's side wing mirror.

I do not believe (or know if) I have been abducted or anything, and would NOT really want to find out. I thought that I had been the only person to have witnessed such an event. I considered posting it on alt.paranet.alien but then decided not to. I may do in the future - just out of curiosity to see if anyone else has had a similar experience.

The more I learn about these things, the less I like to talk about my own personal experience.

The reason I told you is that I thought you might be interested to hear about it if you keep a record of these sightings (as I see you have a form on the back of your magazine). I could fill this in and return it if you like, although I could not describe any sort of craft or anything - all I saw was a very fast, very bright light.

*Name supplied, but withheld to protect confidentiality.*

## **ROSWELL INVESTIGATOR BOB SHELL REPORTS FROM THE SOCORRO CRASH SITE.**

Hi everyone,

I got back from Socorro yesterday and am still a bit jet-lagged.

### **Missing Newspapers**

LOTS of news. First of all, the records of the Socorro newspaper are complete for over 100 years, but the issues from May 10 to June 15 of 1947 are missing! They were supposedly burned in a mysterious fire in the 60s, which destroyed ONLY those issues. That alone would be suspicious, but EVERY OTHER newspaper in the area is missing issues for that time period as well!!!!!! That really stretches the range of coincidence, I would say. One local newspaper editor told me that she had been searching for newspapers for that time period for years without success. The state historical society doesn't have them and neither do any of the universities. The only hope is that some private collector somewhere has them.

### **Witnesses view Fireball**

Mike Hesemann was with me for two days and we went and interviewed one of the eye witnesses to the fireball which came down on May 31, 1947. She is a Native American and told us that many of her people saw this, but probably wouldn't talk to outsiders about it. Her people consider seeing a UFO as a very bad omen usually associated with the death of someone close. Her memory of the fireball is very clear. It was larger in

apparent size than the sun, white in colour, and did not have a "tail" behind it. It was flaming around the edges, she said, like it was on fire. It passed straight across the sky over Gallup where she was, in the direction of Socorro. It made no sound. Mike made a video of our interview and we may show it at some conferences. Because they do not want to be pestered, I have agreed to keep the names of all witnesses and people I interview confidential. In the case of this lady, she could get in trouble with her tribal council for talking about this to outsiders.

### **Strange Material**

I spent a day in Magdalena (which is 28 miles from Socorro at the edge of the Magdalena Mountains where the crash happened). There is an elderly man there who is the local "historian". He remembers that in the summer of 1947 a local rancher came into town very excited because a spaceship had crashed on his land. He had a piece of it in the back of his pickup truck and they took it to the local garage where they tried to cut it. Nothing, not even a welding torch, had any effect on it. Unfortunately the rancher is long since dead and no one today knows what happened to this piece of material. It may still be in a shed somewhere.

### **Another Witness**

There was a soil scientist assigned to the district in those days named Fleck. That same summer Fleck stumbled across a crashed UFO while on his rounds. He is dead also, but his wife is still living and he told the story to many people for

years. His crash site was about ten miles from Magdalena toward the Plains of San Augustine which is also where the Santilli cameraman's site is.

### **Speaking to the Cameraman**

I spoke in a "conference call" with the cameraman last Wednesday and got specific directions to the crash site from him. No one so far has even been close to the site. He says that the military convoy picked up some people in Socorro and then drove SW on Route 60 for one hour at about 40 - 45 mph. This puts them about ten miles or so past Magdalena (Magdalena is about 28 miles from Socorro).

### **Looking for the Crash Site**

After driving on Rt 60 they turned left onto a dirt road marked by a heavy wood gate and wood fence. This road was described as "hugging the mountains" and very treacherous. Four or five miles down this road they crossed a wooden bridge over a steep canyon. (The cameraman says he went back to the site fifteen years ago and the old bridge was collapsed and the road re-routed down into the canyon.) They drove for about 45 minutes or so on this road at speeds which could not have been more than 15 mph and came to a dry lake bed. The crash was on the north side of this lake bed.

### **Dry Lake Beds**

The area about ten miles out from Magdalena is full of dry lake beds, and is the only area for miles which has them. I spent considerable time at the School of Mines at the University of NM

in Socorro looking at USGS maps trying to find out which road this was, but had no luck since features like wood bridges are not shown.

### **Interviewing Forest Rangers**

All of this land is National Forest land (even though much of it is high desert and not forest), so I next went to the National Forest office in Magdalena to interview the rangers and see if any of them knew which road this was. None of them have been there for a really long time, so none knew of a wood bridge in the 40s or 50s. They did not know of one in ruins either, so it may have been dismantled and hauled off for the wood. Unfortunately, the area is full of dry lake beds, so figuring out which one it was may be difficult.

I couldn't stay longer and had only a standard rental car this trip so I couldn't check out the roads. The cameraman advised me against trying to drive this road in a regular car since it was rough going for the military jeeps.

### **Ongoing Investigation**

My plan at present is to return to the area as soon as I have some free time, rent a jeep, and try the roads along that stretch of Rt 60 one by one.

I'd appreciate it if you would post this update for me to the usual internet sites to let people know the progress of this investigation.

Bob Shell



*The following gem was found in February 11th 1996's Sunday Telegraph. Do scientists know something we don't?*

## SIGNALS FROM ALIENS LIKELY 'BY 2000'

By Adrian Berry

AMERICAN astronomers, having found four planets beyond our solar system, believe they will soon detect radio signals from alien civilisations.

"I believe the odds on there being advanced civilisations in our Milky Way galaxy are a thousand to one on," said Prof Paul Horowitz, of Harvard University. His team operates an 84ft radio telescope near Boston that continually searches the sky for artificial signals.

"Every day we pick up radio 'noise' from space that is equal to 22 trillion bytes of data, equivalent in information content to 50 million novels," he told the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

So far there have been many false alarms where likely signals have failed to repeat themselves.

Another astronomer, Prof Frank Drake, said: "The real signal, when it is found, will be unmistakable. I strongly believe that we shall find one before the year 2000."

Other scientists warn that it could be dangerous to advertise our own presence on Earth by transmitting signals.

Prof Robert Rood, of Harvard, said: "The civilisation that blurts out its existence on interstellar beacons at the first opportunity may be like some early hominid descending from the trees and calling 'Here, kitty' to a sabre-toothed tiger."

The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence programme is being carried out privately by Prof Horowitz's team and another in Australia.

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## Moonwalker believes in UFO's

**MOONWALKER ED MITCHELL  
CONVINCED SOME UFOS ARE  
REAL**

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Apollo-14 Astronaut Searches for the Truth by Billy Cox, FLORIDA TODAY staff.

With the 25th anniversary of Apollo-14 coming up, the sixth man to walk on the moon hopes to swing the spotlight onto a more contemporary agenda - pressing for the declassification of government records on unidentified flying objects.

If his suspicions are true, former astronaut Edgar Mitchell says the lid of secrecy engages nothing less than "criminal culpability".

Mitchell, 65, returned to the Space Coast recently to do location shots for an "NBC Dateline" retrospective on the Apollo 14 adventure.

At the highlight of that mission - Jan. 31-Feb. 9, 1971 - Mitchell and Alan Shepard spent 33 hours roving the desolate lunar hills of Fra Mauro.

It was there that Mitchell first courted an avant-garde reputation by conducting off-the-clock mental telepathy experiments by transmitting symbolic images to an acquaintance in Chicago. Shortly thereafter, Mitchell left the astronaut corps and founded the Institute for Noetic Sciences in an effort to integrate various scientific disciplines into the study of human consciousness.

Mitchell's upcoming book, "The Way of Explorers", will address the latest research upon its release in April. Perhaps because of the imminent publicity, Mitchell found himself invited to a private meeting of former government/military officials hoping to recruit his visibility for their most peculiar campaign.

"These were people who, in their official capacity, had an opportunity in the course of their duties to have ET (extraterrestrial) contact," Mitchell says. "The purpose of the meeting was not to convince anybody else of their stories, but to get people released from their security oaths with regard to these phenomena. Given who they were, and their credentials, I have to tell you it pushed my confidence level up five

notches."

Taking a break from the NBC taping, the MIT-educated former Navy captain relaxed at the Villa Roma restaurant in Rockledge and rolled his own imported tobacco. He expressed his "total disbelief" in a recent U.S. Air Force report attributing the alleged crash of an ET spacecraft in New Mexico in 1947 to a classified military balloon.

Last summer, the General Accounting Office announced the failure of its 18-month effort to acquire the dispensation records of the debris from that celebrated event. In 1994, the Air Force admitted that it initially lied about the wreckage in order to conceal a balloon-based nuclear-monitoring system called Project Mogul. But - unable to produce the paperwork on the retrieval in question - USAF officials based their case on circumstantial arguments.

"I am convinced there is a small body of valid (UFO) information, and that there is a body of information 10 times as big that is total disinformation put out by the source to confuse the whole issue," says Mitchell.

"The information is now held primarily by a body of semi- or quasi-private organizations that have kinda spun off from the military intelligence organizations of the past. Just like we build a rocket through a private contractor, there have been private groups involved with this issue for a number of years because they have the expertise.

"The dangerous part is, they're still operating under a black budget, which has been estimated at over \$30 billion a year. And nobody knows what goes into black budgets. The prime requisite is security first and everything else second. Imagine an organization that has a black budget, an unquestioned source of funds, reports to no one, and has this exotic technology that they can keep to themselves and play with."

Mitchell, Mercury astronaut Gordon Cooper, and some 20,000 Americans have signed the Roswell Declaration, a grass-roots petition calling for an executive order to release UFO documents to the public. Mitchell, however, stresses he has no first-hand knowledge of the existence of recovered ET artifacts. And during his Apollo-era training, the subject of UFOs never arose.

"NASA at that time was so sure there were no such things, there was no discussion of it," he says. "I would say, however, that if there was knowledge of ET contact existing within the government, and we were sent into space blind and dumb to such information, I think it is a case of criminal culpability."

"To send us up there? Into a what-if scenario? If the evidence is real, and we were led to believe no such thing was possible? To me, that's criminal."

He says he's looking forward to the discussions his new book will generate. "We're talking about a revolution. It's a mind-blower."

## UFO Scare at Balmoral

According to the News of the World (Sunday, March 3rd 1996), a close encounter was witnessed at the Queen's Highland castle.

At just after 10.00pm on Wednesday 28th Feb 1996, witnesses claim to have spotted a bright light in the sky above the Queen's castle. Within minutes, two RAF Harrier GR7 jump-jets intercepted and started chasing the object.

One witness said that the jets were climbing so quickly, they were almost standing on end. It looked as if they were in some kind of 'dog fight' with the object.

The object seemed to just appear. According to another witness, it didn't seem to come from a particular direction. It was just there all of a sudden.

Suddenly the light vanished and after circling the castle the planes flew off in the direction from which they had come from.

An RAF spokesman said, "There were two aircraft in the area. They could have been on some kind of exercise. Pilots are not going to report such things as UFOs to anyone and I've been unable to get anything out of them."

What with the recent admission from the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) about the UFO spotted near Manchester airport last year, things seem to be hotting up on the UFO front. Watch this space...

"There are threads that lead to another, infinitely more ancient, civilisation than the Atlantis of Plato..."

Mooney, p.175

## Coded Communications

Any communication system relates information content, the symbols of which must be encoded in a coda, such as an alphabet. To extract the meaning of this coded information, it must be decoded, using a system of matching which enables translation.

## Hypothesis

This is what I have done in developing my decoding and translation model. This has allowed me to construct hypotheses, which lead to syllogisms based on using the best evidence with logical deduction. These form the theory which explains the meaning of crop circles and their information content.

## Some Intelligence Behind It

Some crop circle researchers have gone on record with their conclusion that the circles are made by an intelligence other than human and are a communication system. None of these researchers have found who are making the genuine formations, nor what specific information they contain. I have found that the decipherable information is embedded in the repeated symbols used

and in another level of meaning contained in a transformation process depicted graphically. This is directly related to the subtle and profound implication of the fact that this information is contained in the shaping of life-itself, in life-sustaining crops. In this sense then, "the medium is the message."

# Crop Circle Meanings... Understanding The Symbols

*The Returning Goddess and Coming Transformations*  
by Steve Canada

## Communication

In my 4-book series on Communication I explore the information system, media, and consciousness aspects of the phenomenon. In my 5-book series on Inanna I explore the implications of why this ancient, Sumerian

"Goddess of Grain" is depicted both implicitly and graphically; also, since her sacred animal was the lion, and the Mars Face reveals embedded in its design the face of a lion (and given the fact that mathematical constants shared by crop circles AND the Mars structures such as the various pyramids in and around "the city", as discovered by Richard Hoagland's research team, lead to the logical conclusion that both were and are constructed or at least designed by the same intelligence), I contend that the Sphinx is closely associated with Inanna and the Face on Mars could be a depiction of her.



### Sumerian Symbolism

My explanatory model is not built on mere statistical associations (correlations), but rather on the extraordinary and distinctive pattern fit of crop circle symbols with one, and only one, human historical and cultural database of Sumerian symbols. This close matching provides the necessary access to the information required with which to decipher the redundant patterns in what turns out to be a communication system.

### Alien Interests

Using these clearly identifiable symbols, the circlemakers have identified the planet of their origin, who they are, some of their ancient and ongoing programs of interest (such as genetics-reproduction, and mining), and possibly an indication of when they can be expected to return to Earth after an absence of almost 2500 years.

### Masses of Evidence

The circlemakers' connection to their UFO craft is made through three growing, separate bodies of cause-and-effect evidence (eye-witness testimony, still photos, and video tapes) which allows us to identify where UFO craft are from and who are responsible for them.

### Crop Circle links to Cydonia?

That the artificial structures in the Cydonia region of Mars were conceived, designed, and constructed by the circlemakers is shown by the shared abstract, conceptual, mathematical constants in these two sets of alien

artifacts - crop circles and the so-called Monuments of Mars.

### NASA Detects Tenth Planet

NASA in 1987 announced the detection of a tenth planet of the solar system. Crop circle symbols are consistent with the ancient symbols used for this planet, known as Nibiru to the Sumerians.

### Betty Hill's Star Map Revisited

That the planet of origin of UFOs is part of the Earth's solar system is further supported by two researchers, Koch and Kyborg, of Berlin, Germany. They show that Marjorie Fish's so-called "Star Map", derived from the Betty Hill drawing recalled from her 1961 abduction experience, shows an exact and complete fit for all lines and points on the map with mineral-rich asteroids and solar system planets on the precise date of the abduction.

### Interpreting Research

The crop circle phenomenon per se is not amenable to scientific study because we cannot control the variables and do experiments related to the circles' manifestations. Yet my research process is scientific in this way - using the tried and true method of comparing the characteristics of an unknown phenomenon (crop circles) to those of a known phenomenon (in this case an ancient knowledge base of the Sumerian culture and it's records several thousand years old). This is how I constructed my explanatory and interpretive model.

The way we solve a mystery is to compare properties of the mystery to a

known database of knowledge base. When the fit or match is highly correlated and well beyond the realm of pure chance, then the power of this model is increased and its validity enhanced. That's what I found, the ancient symbols that match consistently many of the crop formations.

### Symbols of Information

They form a sort of language, one based on nouns. Embedded in the ancient symbols is information. If we apply the rudiments of information systems analysis we see it conforms to what we can decipher and decode. So we can translate them and interpret their meanings as messages, as distinct statements. The linear aspect of sequencing matches the processing of the left hemisphere of our brains. The circlemakers know us very well and how we process information.

### A Communication System?

The circles are constructed artifacts, and the information they contain forms a communication system that identifies where the circlemakers are from, and by inference who they are. This is not surprising, identifying where they are from and who they are and why they are returning - just like we would do when we first communicate with someone.

Redundancy is also part of this encoded data, and this helps the decoder decipher the essential meaning of the information being conveyed. In other words, with the repeated use of the same symbols, over and over again, even year after year, we see more of the clarity in the symbolic

references. Technically, with greater redundancy comes less entropy, or disorder in any system.

### Why in Grain?

The question "Why in grain?" is an intriguing one. There is a way to ascertain the motive for utilizing such a medium as crops by the circlemakers. A specific ancient ruler of Sumeria is identified in one of the most complex crop pictograms to have appeared, that of July 11, 1990 near Alton Barnes, in Wiltshire, England. Her name was Inanna. She was a powerful ruler and being from Nibiru (part of its ruling elite). Later, in Akkad, she was known as Ishtar. She was known as the "Goddess of Grain" - is it any wonder then that these messages are appearing in grain?

The transformation theme of the crop circles is consistent in its reference to the past, its appearing in the present, and its providing a warning about the future.

Hesiod speaks of a golden race of men who preceded his own generation and became the 'holy demons upon the earth,....guardians of mortal men.'

*Jaynes, p.164*

### 'Bricks Baked in Hell'

"The Koran speaks of the existence of 'bricks baked in Hell and written by the demons,'... the reference applies to the many inscribed bricks that are found throughout Mesopotamia." (Chiera, pp.41-2). These baked tablets and bricks were inscribed with Sumerian cuneiform writing.

The Sumerians recorded that they were

taught this first system of human non-picture writing by the Anunnaki, the Nefilim, "those who from sky to earth came/fell." These beings were, according to the findings of Z.Sitchin, from the planet Nibiru, literally "Planet of Crossing" in Sumerian. this is the tenth planet of the solar system, which has a highly-inclined, retrograde orbit which is very elongated and which takes 3600 Earth years. NASA' 1987 press announcements about detecting a possible tenth planet might have been the first public, modern indication confirming what the ancients knew for thousands of years.

"We know very little about the origins of the Sumerians.... The Sumerians had a high regard for the art of writing and placed its invention at the very beginning of their civilisation. Moreover, they considered that civilisation as of great antiquity,...."

(Chiera, p.50)

### Fully Developed Civilisations

Z.Sitchin cites sources that point out that the Sumerian civilisation arose all of a sudden, with fully developed social institutions and laws that had no evolutionary precedent. Further, these sources make clear that we would recognise these cultural institutions as modern.

### CROP CIRCLE MEANINGS Part 1

"Kuhn has indicated the paradox: a theory has to be accepted before substantial evidence for it comes in. It has to be accepted because it is a novel

way of looking [paradigm shift] and scientists will have to put on the new glasses in order to see anything."

Briggs and Peat, 1988, p.230

### One Source...

The gist of the information I have been able to inductively put together in an explanatory model is made of three sets of connections. these are the essentials of my theory that connects crop circles, UFOs, and Cydonia Mars region's architecture, - all have one source:

1. Symbols that identify where the circlemakers are from (see below), and by inference who they are, and what their activities, concerns, programs, or projects will be when they return to Earth; in other words, the why of this announcements system (see below). Or at least part of the why.... I do not pretend to have fathomed ALL of the decipherable reasons, nor do I claim to be fluent in what I call "crop circle language." This communication system IS a language, I contend, because it is composed of meaningful symbols, i.e. meaningful in the context of human knowledge that is verifiable. This is not an alien symbol system; it matches perfectly our history, as revealed in archaeology.

2. The second set of connections is with UFOs.... caught on videos, photos, and seen by eyewitnesses in proximity in space and time with the appearance of genuine crop formations.

3. The same mathematical constants, such as  $e/\pi$ , found in the Cydonia region of Mars' artificial structures, and some

crop pictograms, as shown by Richard Hoagland and others.

### Making Accurate Predictions

I was asked recently by the director of a crop circle research center how I was able to predict a crop circle's specific design, as described in Volume 8, Chapter 59 of my 1992 10-volume book Crop Circle Language. The following short six paragraphs were my response.

In 1991 I developed a cohesive and consistent theory that explains and allows interpretation of the information content of these communication artifacts. Through the inductive method of reasoning this theory evolved as one based on ancient knowledge (Sumerian, for example).

I have attempted only ONE prediction. More are quite unnecessary. the fact that it was successful does not qualify my theory as a scientific one because crop circles are not an experiment based field of research, because we cannot control the physical variables involved in their appearing (whatever they might be; including time and place).

What the success of my predictions did, based as it was within the context of specific ancient knowledge, was to confirm the validity, correctness and accuracy of my crop circle explanatory and interpretive theory.

What I did was test the knowledge base of my set of hypotheses. My theory was supported and strengthened by this successful prediction.

So that is HOW I predicted a crop formation's specific design. The prediction's success has demonstrated what is called a theory's validity. The theory's power is shown in how it also explains the origin of other phenomena too, such as UFOs, and the Mars Structures.

### Explaining the Mystery

This was not an extraordinary process to apply to testing an explanation of an unknown phenomenon. All I did was apply the old tried-and-true method of explaining a mystery... compare its properties and characteristics to a body of known human knowledge and see how it fits (in this case the fit is sufficient for it to qualify as the explanatory model). There is no other way we come to learn anything NEW (check the theories of learning and the basic tenants of epistemology to verify this).

The designs utilised in numerous crop circle types are consistent with symbols used by ancient cultures, such as Sumerian, to represent what they knew to be a 10th planet of the solar system. A June 26, 1987 NASA press release shows possible detection of the presence of a 10th planet.


### Where is the Tenth Planet?

This planet is not "hidden," but does have, according to ancient records (even Incan, found in the Andes! see Z.Sitchin's 4-book series "Earth Chronicles"), a very elongated, retrograde, highly inclined orbit that takes 3600 years to complete. One



ancient symbol shows it to be a heat-generating body, thus it is not frozen solid in the depths of space so far from the sun.

### Sumerian Designs

The crop circle design types I noticed to be the same as the ones used by the Sumerians, Babylonians, etc. to stand for this planet (known as Nibiru, and later as Marduk) are; (1) large, plain circles, (2) ringed circles, (3) crosses (Nibiru in Sumerian means literally "Place of Crossing"; see Sitchin's books), and (4) a 4-way radiating circle within a circle, such as .

### Where are the Circlemakers from?

The information thus gained from such redundant, abundant, repetitive and consistent use of specific crop design symbols allows us to identify from where come the circlemakers, and by inference who they are.

### An Explanatory Model

Crop formations use specific symbols known by ancient cultures, such as the Sumerian, that guide the researcher along an evidence trail leading to a researchable, testable solution to this modern mystery. I utilise the tried-and-true scientific method of comparing the characteristics of an unknown phenomenon to a body of human knowledge (a set of known data) and am thus able to develop a theory that is not only internally consistent but which also provides an explanatory model for understanding and explaining the unknown phenomenon under investigation. that is how a mystery is

solved.

### Consistent Information

Crop pictograms use specific and identifiable symbols, and form definite, precise, clear statements. Using my original 14 decipherable methodologies, I have interpreted some of these statements, which of course yield information that is consistent with the ancient knowledge base, that is, the cultural context of the symbols utilised to form these linear statements.

### Familiar Crop Circle Shapes

In my book Crop Circle Language my main finding has been to identify WHO is making the circles and WHERE they are from (Nibiru). This is verifiable because of consistent comparison of crop circle types over time to ancient symbols - both are the same design, so they mean the same thing (large plain circle, ringed circle, various types of 'crosses', and 'winged globe' as the planet Nibiru); also 'horns' as those ruling beings from Nibiru on Earth. Their reasons for returning to Earth are the same as earlier and clearly described in crop pictograms (such as 'gold mining' and a specific directive to bring gold to Mars' along with genetic/reproductive transformation).

Although John Michel (then) editor of "The Cerealogist", wrote in 1991 (#3, p.2): "...no one has yet found a coherent set of symbols which corresponds to the marks of crop circles", he had at that time not seen my work; nor has he yet seen my most recent eight titles.

### Book Reviews

My books have been reviewed in England, Germany, Italy, and Scotland. I have yet to hear anyone counter my theory with any knowledge-based interpretation that is (as my theory is): (1) internally consistent (2) has been able to demonstrate the poser of their theory by predicting a specific design on the basis of that knowledge (3) much less show what is called elegance by accounting for three separate phenomena in one theory - crop circles, UFOs, and Mars Cydonia artifacts.

I have been able to explain the meaning content of crop pictograms in the context of ancient human knowledge. In this system I have identified the "Face" on Mars, at Cydonia (in my Crop Circle Translation Guide, and more recently in Innann Book No.3, The Sphinx and Mars Face Identified).

In my Crop Circle Reading Manual I apply my original "reading techniques" to decipher a 1990 complex pictogram as a way to successfully understand the messages in crop circle meanings.

### A Challenge to Readers

My knowledge-based prediction came directly out of my ancient-knowledge-based theory. If any reader knows of any other crop circle theory that has been able to predict a specific pictogram design (Steven Greer's CSETI group does not count because they meditate on an image and ask for it to be duplicated), please notify IRCUP or the author immediately.

### To be continued....

Steve's Crop Circle Meanings, in which he goes on to explain the Transformations, will be continued in issue 9 of Enigma.

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On 14th June 1995 I surveyed a new formation (possible creation date, 11th June 1995) at Telegraph Hill near Cheesefoot Head, with my mother and father. It was a sort of quintuplet of quintuplets (see fig.1). This was the first formation

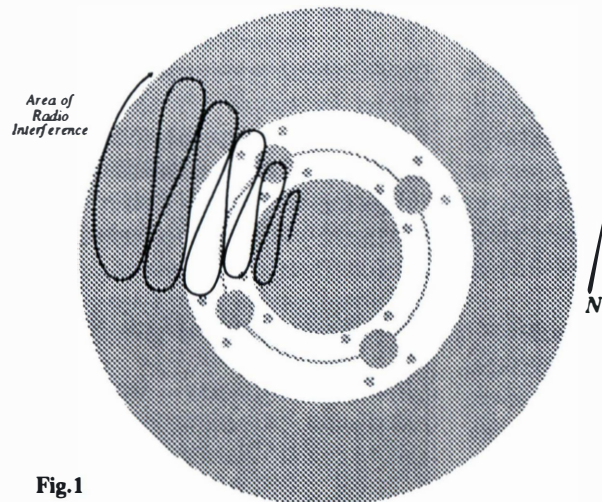


Fig.1

to appear in the Cheesefoot Head area in 1995, so I decided to do a number of measurements using my various 'gizmos' (see Enigma issue 1). Although I did not detect any anomalous electro-static readings, I did get some weird radio interference readings in the top left (from the road), southeast part of the formation. I initially got an audible hum from my RF detector, similar to placing it near to a TV screen. However, as I moved around the formation, the signal got louder, then quieter, which slightly puzzled me. I decided to make a sketch of the area of interference in my notebook. I later drew this up on the computer. Figure 1 is the drawing I produced on the 14th June, when I returned home. This shows the area of RF interference I detected.

I also found that the battery in my 'gizmo' decided to die, half way through doing my second set of readings. This in itself was rather unusual as it should have lasted about a year and had only been replaced about three weeks previously. On the 18th June I returned to the formation to take some photographs of it, but then discovered that my camera battery had also 'gone flat'. I had previously heard reports of batteries going flat in crop circles, but never witnessed the anomaly myself - until now.

I subsequently discovered that two other people had reported batteries going dead in this crop formation. The plot thickened....

The first of my surprises occurred a few days later when I spoke to Kerry Blower (from the South Wales UFO group) and told her of the shape of the formation. She immediately got excited and revealed that she had dreamt of this shape previously. At which point, I said I would shut-up and not say any more until she had drawn me the shape in her dream. To my amazement she re-produced the shape more or less exactly as I had drawn it.

However, the biggest surprise occurred on 17th June, almost a week later, when a formation was to appear at Cowdown near Andover. I could not believe my eyes when I first saw a photo

(fig.2), as it exactly mapped the RF interference signal I had detected at Telegraph Hill.

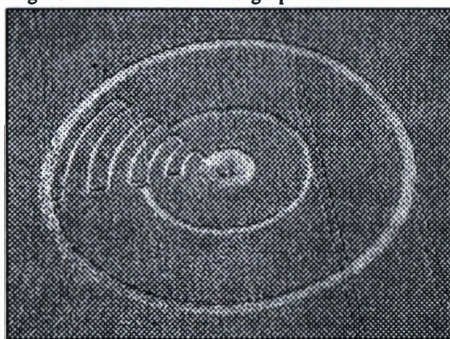


Fig.2 Cowdown, photo © Lucy Pringle

The pattern of this new formation was uncannily like my diagram of Telegraph Hill, produced 1 week EARLIER. What's more, due to living quite near Cheesefoot Head I had not travelled to Wiltshire and shown my diagram to anyone. Therefore NO ONE had previously seen my sketch. Either the circle-makers are psychic, or I was part of a major coincidence.

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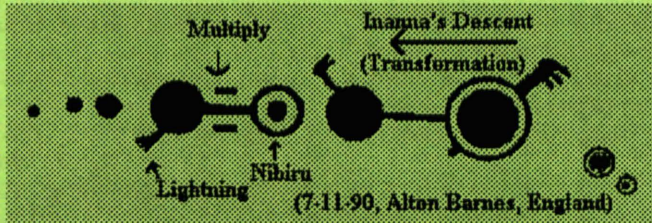
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